

Three years later, Nausead left the firm to assume the position as head of the Jackson Office for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, thus completing the circle of having been a lawyer for the three foremost civil rights legal offices in the 1960s and 70s, the Lawyers Committee, NAACP LDF, and LCDC.

In the 1980s, the Lawyers Committee closed its Jackson Office, whereupon, Nausead joined the Walker and Walker firm in Jackson, headed by John L. Walker and William Walker, Jr. While working there, Nausead handled the firm's appellate work and motion practice and was a mentor for James E. Graves, Jr. and Regina Quinn who also worked there during her tenure. In 1982, Nausead offered her services to the citizens of Hinds County for the County Court Judge position thus becoming the first African American female judicial candidate.

After practicing law with the Walker and Walker firm for several years, Nausead assumed a position with Minact Inc. where she engaged in grant writing and compliance until her retirement.

On July 18, 2000 and during her retirement, Nausead served as a Jackson Civil Service Commissioner after having been appointed by Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson and served until May 2, 2006.

Nausead took great pride in community services on numerous boards of community organizations and received awards for her work with those organizations. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. which she joined while at Tougaloo College.

Nausead was preceded in death by her aforementioned parents. She is survived by her sister, Doris Anderson; brother, and Thomas J. Stewart, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, on November 10, 2015, we lost a treasure in Nausead. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a diligent advo-

cate, a conscientious worker, and a selfless servant leader whose life was dedicated to the cause of humanity, Nausead Lyvelle Stewart.

#### RECOGNIZING PARKLAND HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SYSTEM

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Parkland Health and Hospital System for being named a Top Hospital by the Leapfrog Group in 2015. Based on the Leapfrog Group's annual hospital survey measuring three significant areas of hospital care, Parkland earned honors for the first time as one of 62 top urban hospitals across the country.

Parkland Health and Hospital System opened in 1894 and is now one of the largest public hospital systems in the country. Averaging at one million patient visits annually, Parkland recently expanded to a brand new, state-of-the-art 2.8 million-square-foot campus with 862 single-patient rooms. Constantly growing, Parkland includes a Level I Trauma Center, the second largest civilian burn center in the U.S., a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, 20 community-based clinics, 12 school-based clinics, and numerous outreach and education programs. Parkland is also the primary teaching hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The Leapfrog Group is a national nonprofit group that advocates transparency in quality and safety of care in U.S. hospitals. The Leapfrog Hospital Survey collects and reports hospital performance so that patients can make informed decisions regarding where they receive care. The survey measures three areas

of hospital care: how patients fare, resource use, and management structures established to prevent errors. Earning this honor means that Parkland has lower infection rates, better health outcomes, decreased length of stay, and fewer hospital readmissions.

Given Parkland's track record, especially their recent transfer of 626 patients from their old facility to the new Parkland Memorial Hospital without incident or interruption in patient care, I believe Parkland deserves to be named a top hospital. The move was conducted on foot via the Mike Myers Sky Bridge that connects the facilities and was planned with precision for months prior. This is just one prime example of Parkland's many contributions to Dallas County.

Congratulations to Parkland on this well-deserved recognition. I am proud to have Parkland in my district and I congratulate the board, clinicians, and staff on this hard-earned honor.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SCOTT GARRETT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2015*

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, on December 2, 2015, during rollcall vote No. 665 on the passage of S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, I was recorded as not voting. Although I was present on the floor at the time, my vote was misreported, and I fully intended to vote 'no' on rollcall vote No. 665. Therefore, I would like to state that I did not support the passage of S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015.